

Governor's Water Augmentation Council

Long Term Augmentation Committee

March 3, 2017 Meeting Summary

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Arizona Department of Water Resources

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairwoman Maureen George called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. All participants in the meeting introduced themselves individually. The following members of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council (GWAC) were present: Warren Tenney, Wade Noble, and Virginia O'Connell. Council member Phil Townsend attended via webinar.

Demand, Supply, and Examples of Augmentation Projects

Salt River Project

Bruce Hallin, Director of Water Supply for the Salt River Project (SRP), presented on the principles for project success, including shared objectives and partnerships. He shared SRP's strategy to ensure a dependable water supply, the Town of Payson's investment in the C.C. Cragin Watershed, and the importance of maintaining the health of the National Forests surrounding the Verde and Salt Watersheds. Mr. Hallin's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

The Nature Conservancy

Scott Deeny, the Water Program Lead with The Nature Conservancy, provided information on the augmentation projects that The Nature Conservancy has implemented in the San Pedro and the Verde areas that have sought to obtain a neutral or positive ecological impact. Mr. Deeny's presentation slides can be viewed [here](#).

Arizona Department of Water Resources

Pam Muse, from the Planning and Data Management Division of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, overviewed the reasonableness of projections, the importance of identifying the relationships between various factors, and compared sets of data that project water demand in Arizona to the year 2035. Ms. Muse's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Central Arizona Project

Ken Seasholes, the Manager of Resource Planning and Analysis for the Central Arizona Project, discussed the intricacies of the Service Area Model (SAM) in their approach to projecting water demands for CAP's users. Mr. Seasholes presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Agricultural Demand and Efficiency

Paul Brown, a Cooperative Extension Specialist in Biometeorology from the University of Arizona, presented on the factors that impact agricultural water use including the quantity and location of

irrigated acres, cropping systems, and irrigation management and efficiency. Mr. Brown's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Determine and Assign Committee Tasks

Chairwoman Maureen George provided committee members with a table of water augmentation options and evaluation factors to consider. She asked the committee to fill out the table to the best of their ability and to be prepared to share their answers during the next committee meeting.

Closing Remarks and Next Meeting Date

The next Governor's Water Augmentation Council Long Term Augmentation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3rd from 10am to Noon. The meeting will be held at the Arizona Department of Water Resources, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 310, Phoenix, AZ 85007.